



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hamilton *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/994,927

Filed: November 28, 2001

For: Bisubstituted Carbocyclic Cyclophilin
Binding Compounds and their Use

Art Unit:

1626

Examiner: Robert Gerstl

Atty. Docket: 03166.0029.NPUS02

Second Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 6), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

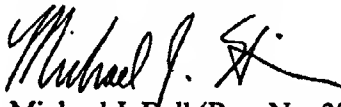
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03166.0029.NPUS02.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Hell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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